

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 STATE 010238

13

ORIGIN NEA-02

INFO OCT-01 AF-02 ISO-00 /005 R

66610

DRAFTED BY: NEA/RA:RSEARING:AMP

APPROVED BY: NEA/RA-RWCHASE

----- 124721

R 170031Z JAN 74

FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

INFO USINT ALGIERS

AMEMBASSY AMMAN

AMEMBASSY JIDDA

AMEMBASSY KUWAIT

AMEMBASSY RABAT

AMEMBASSY TRIPOLI

AMEMBASSY TUNIS

C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 010238

BEIRUT ALSO PASS BAGHDAD

FOLLOWING REPEAT LONDON 00630 ACTION SECSTATE INFO BONN
BRUSSELS COPENHAGEN DUBLIN THE HAGUE LUXEMBOURG PARIS
ROME EC BRUSSELS OECD PARIS 15 JAN

QUOTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE LONDON 00630

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ELAB, UK, XF, ETRD

SUBJECT: US TRADE UNION LEADER EXPECTED TO SEEK ITF
SUPPORT FOR ARAB SHIPPING BOYCOTT

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: CHARLES BLYTH, GENERAL SECRETARY,
INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORT WORKERS' FEDERATION (ITF),
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 STATE 010238

INFORMED THE EMBASSY LABOR ATTACHE THAT HE EXPECTS TED

GLEASON, PRESIDENT, INTERNATIONAL LONGSHOREMEN'S ASSOCIATION (ILA), TO SEEK ITF SUPPORT FOR A SHIPPING BOYCOTT OF GOODS FROM ARAB COUNTRIES IN RESPONSE TO THEIR OIL EMBARGO POLICY. END SUMMARY

2. BLYTH EXPLAINED THAT GLEASON WILL BE IN LONDON THIS WEEK TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ITF FAIR PRACTICES COMMITTEE MEETING, JANUARY 17-18, WHICH DEALS WITH "FLAGS OF CONVENIENCE" ISSUES. (OTHER AMERICAN TRADE UNION LEADERS WHO ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND INCLUDE: JOHN BOWERS (ILA); MEL PARASIC AND JIM MARTIN, NATIONAL MARITIME UNION (NMU). BLYTH SAID THAT THE GROUP WHICH IS MEETING THIS WEEK DOES NOT, IN FACT, HAVE THE POWER TO ACT ON GLEASON'S REQUEST. THIS IS THE FUNCTION OF THE ITF GENERAL COUNCIL, WHICH DOES NOT MEET UNTIL AUGUST.

3. BLYTH ENVISAGES SCANT SUPPORT FOR THE ILA LEADER'S INITIATIVE AND INDICATED THAT HE HAD LITTLE SYMPATHY FOR IT HIMSELF. HE ASSERTED THAT "IT (A BOYCOTT) WOULD BE ASKING WESTERN NATIONS TO COMMIT SUICIDE IN VIEW OF THE LIKELIHOOD OF ARAB RETALIATION." (IN PREVIOUS CONVERSATIONS WITH BLYTH AND HIS ASSISTANT SECRETARY, HAROLD LEWIS, THEY INDICATED THAT THE ITF, PARTLY BECAUSE OF HAVING BOTH ARAB AND ISRAELI AFFILIATES, WISHED TO REMAIN NEUTRAL IN THE MIDDLE EAST).

SOHM UNQUOTE RUSH

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: MARINE TRANSPORTATION, EMBARGOES, BOYCOTTS, LABOR UNIONS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 17 JAN 1974
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: golinofr
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1974STATE010238
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: NEA/RA:RSEARING:AMP
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: n/a
From: STATE
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1974/newtext/t19740134/aaaabghf.tel
Line Count: 89
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE
Office: ORIGIN NEA
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: golinofr
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 02 APR 2002
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <02 APR 2002 by kelleyw0>; APPROVED <28 MAY 2002 by golinofr>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: US TRADE UNION LEADER EXPECTED TO SEEK ITF SUPPORT FOR ARAB SHIPPING BOYCOTT
TAGS: ELAB, ETRD, UK, XF, US, (BLYTH, CHARLES)
To: BEIRUT
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005